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Paving planned for KY 168 (Blackburn Avenue) at Ashland

One-lane work zones for next three weeks

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Motorists using KY 168 (Blackburn Avenue) at Ashland should expect one-lane work zones from US 23 to 13th Street for the next three weeks as work begins on a \$772,000 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet project that includes paving and other improvements along six miles of the busy highway.

Contractors plan to start work Friday, June 1, with installation of handicapped-accessible ramps on Blackburn Avenue sidewalks, working from 13th Street toward South 29th Street. Installation is expected to take approximately two weeks, with milling and paving operations to follow by mid- to late-June.

During that work, Blackburn Avenue will be one lane in work areas from about 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each weekday with traffic controlled by flaggers.

Also, paving operations are expected to start by the week of June 11 for the remaining section of KY 168 – from US 23 to the South 29th Street area – and will include daily lane closures with traffic controlled by flaggers.

During all construction, efforts will be made to keep lane closures short and minimize delays. However, motorists should be prepared for longer drive times, especially in heavy traffic, and should plan routes accordingly. Motorists are advised to slow down in work zones, remain aware of workers and construction equipment and remember that construction schedules are dependent upon the weather.

This work is being done under a \$772,298.10 low-bid contract between the Transportation Cabinet and Mountain Enterprises Inc.